

ciated with it particularly although each was in the Lake of Bays region in numbers.

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## RATTLESNAKES ON CATALINA ISLAND.

Van Denburgh and Slevin (Proc. Calif. Acad. of Sci., 4th Ser., Vol. IV, pp. 138-139) state that the presence of rattlesnakes on Catalina Island off the coast of southern California was first recorded by Yarrow from a specimen taken there by Mr. Schumacher in 1876. One additional specimen only is recorded. In that so little is known of *Crotalus oregonus* on the island, the following notes may be of interest:

During July, 1906, while camped at Whites Landing, I killed a rattlesnake about two feet long. The specimen was not saved. I believe that several other specimens were killed during the summer. At that time rattlesnakes were considered fairly common over the greater part of the eastern slope of the island.

Mr. Murray L. Royar, who has just returned from a summer spent at Avalon, has donated to the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology a small specimen of *Crotalus oregonus* taken at Avalon on August 2, 1915. Mr. Royar reports that old-timers on Catalina Island say that there were no rattlesnakes on the island in early days. Later, when hay and other crops were introduced, rattlesnakes appeared. The reptiles were first seen around barns and near civilization and later took to the hills. He also states that even at the present time few are found far inland.

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